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The amateur radio service is non-professional and has no business handling and transmitting any information that requires encryption. Encryption is a bad idea for many reasons:

1. It is a danger to the national security as anyone can obtain and use amateur radio communication equipment without benefit of oversight.
2. International implications are that other governments may find the use of encryption by USA amateur radio operators to be a potential danger and prohibit their amateur radio community from communicating with USA amateur operators.
3. Encryption would give a false sense of security to EMCOMM operators, who in responding to an emergency may believe it in their purview to handle and traffic sensitive communications.
4. The amateur radio service is a hobby made up of non-professional communicators who have no business handling private or sensitive data that requires encryption. To authorize such use of the service denotes special training in the handling of government and private information, such training not being a part of the amateur service under Part 97.
5. The amateur radio service is self policing. How then is the hobby to self police itself amidst a sea of encrypted communications.

There is absolutely no benefit to the amateur radio community for the use of encrypted communications.